

**MINUTES OF THE BARSTOW AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING (updated)**

April 11, 2017

PRESENT: Pollack, Siemer, Jansen, Senesac

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LOCATION: City Hall

OTHERS: Tom Ryden, JT Rairigh, Linda Langrill

REPORTED BY: Brian McManus, Airport Manager

Commissioner Pollack called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Rich Siemer and supported by Matt Jansen **“to approve and file the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting”** Approved (4/0).

The Monthly Manager’s Activity Report for January - March was presented by JT Rairigh. Business flights and training flights are way up. Training flights are up over 150%. With the good economy airline flights are up nationally as well. Potentially MCADA has something to do with it. Even though good flying day are down the activity was still up. Wind and low clouds have contributed to the bad flying days.

Snow plowing was way down this past winter. The snow removal tractor though remains an excellent piece of equipment to get the work done. The Oshkosh worked very well as well.

Mosquito control will be mobilizing soon. The low flying planes will be back. Bay County went a different direction this year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MDOT and FAA Update

Stephanie Ward of Mead and Hunt was present to provide an update to issues and advances in the airport industry.

At the national level things are moving along. The FAA provides various degrees of support to many things. Some funding may be up in the air with the new administration. There may be cuts to central air services. Some subsidized airports may be cut.

A fairly substantial issue is that air traffic controllers may be privatized for cost savings.

There was a 2012 GA study performed. The actions recommended in the report have not been fully implemented. We will be considered a local airport under the new system once fully implemented. There may be a future scaling of the \$150,000 per year block grant money. We need to keep a good record of based aircraft. Oscoda for instance lost aircraft funding because of based aircraft amount. It is important to look at where your airport is claimed especially for snow birds.

At the state level fuel sales tax is now reported differently. WE need to make sure that we keep up on paperwork as we are now.

During Alp updates they are taking a closer look and placing a higher priority on obstructions in approaches. They have not changed criteria but are just policing it more. They are looking at FAA surface and local surfaces. Instrument approaches are getting better with technology.

MDOT's project management process is highly utilizing Aero PM and capital plans and managing the systems. They are switching to Project Wise for specific project electronic filing.

The MAAE is sponsoring an Airport Managers 101 class in September. The state is working on a MAP system plan. We will be evaluated and receive a report card on our services.

We are an overall Tier 1 airport based on the amount of aircraft that we have and other things.

We participated in the community benefits survey. The state is trying to determine visitor spending and jobs tied to airports.

Our upcoming ALP will be a significant task. Since our last one there have been a lot of changes to standards and data.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Langrill spoke of some upcoming EAA events, young eagles and aviation camp.